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Examiner: Dougherty, J.

Group Art Unit: 3672

Attorney Docket No. 25791.85

fire application of:

Robert Lance Cook et al.

Serial No.: 10/092,481

Filed: March 7, 2002

For: A METHOD OF COUPLING A TUBULAR MEMBER TO A PREEXISTING

STRUCTURE

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a three-month extension, to extend the shortened statutory period for reply from February 5, 2004 to May 5, 2004. Applicant is filing herewith a check to cover the extension fee.

If any additional claim fees or extension fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to deposit account 08-1394.

<u>Amendments to the Claims</u>: are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this document.

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